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RE REFTEL, SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING FOR THIRD TALKING POINT
PROVIDED YOU HAVE NOT YET DELIVERED IT:

-- OUR AMBASSADOR SAW DAYAN MAY 19 TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE
WHICH AMBASSADOR EILTS BRIEFED SADAT AND MUBARAK ON IN
HIS CONVERSATION MAY 17. IN RESPONSE TO THE "FOUR
QUESTIONS" WHICH DAYAN POSED, WE GAVE HIM ON AN ENTIRELY
INFORMAL BASIS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF EGYPT'S POSITION BASED
ON CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE HAD WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND
PRESIDENT SADAT'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS, EMPHASIZING THESE
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WERE OUR IMPRESSIONS ONLY AND THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED
TO SEEK FIRMER EXPLICIT STATEMENTS ON THESE VARIOUS POINTS
FROM SADAT WHEN ISRAEL GIVES US POSITIVE RESPONSES TO THE
QUESTIONS SECRETARY VANCE HAD POSED TO HIM. WE ALSO
EMPHASIZED TO DAYAN THAT EGYPTIANS HAD MADE IT CLEAR
THROUGHOUT DISCUSSIONS WITH US THAT VIEWS THEY EXPRESSED
WERE IN CONTEXT OF ASSUMPTION OF ISRAELI ACCEPTANCE OF

PRINCIPLE THAT WITHDRAWAL APPLIES TO WEST BANK AND GAZA
AS WELL AS OTHER FRONTS. OUR AMBASSADOR'S REPORT OF THAT

CONVERSATION LEAVES NO DOUBT THAT DAYAN WAS CLEAR IN HIS
OWN MIND AS TO WHAT WE WERE SAYING AND PROPOSING.

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